

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Southern District of New York

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

John Estrella

## JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: 19 CR 00195 (KMK)

USM Number: 86749-054

John Wallenstein, Esq.

Defendant's Attorney

## THE DEFENDANT:

☒ pleaded guilty to count(s) 1 and 4☐ pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
which was accepted by the court.☐ was found guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

<u>Title &amp; Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
18 USC 1349	Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud	8/2018	1
18 USC 1028A	Aggravated Identity Theft	7/25/2018	4

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 7 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_☒ Count(s) all open or pending ☐ is ☒ are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

March 23, 2022

Date of Imposition of Judgment

Signature of Judge

Hon. Kenneth M. Karas, U.S.D.J.

Name and Title of Judge

Date

3/29/2022

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## IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of:

6 months for Count 1 to be followed by the mandatory and consecutive 24 months for Count 4. The Defendant has been advised of his right to appeal.

☒ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

It is recommended that the Defendant be designated nearest to Camp Otisville or FCI Danbury.

☐ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:

☐ at \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☒ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

☒ before 2 p.m. on June 1, 2022.

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☐ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

## RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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### SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, you will be on supervised release for a term of:

2 years of supervised release; 2 years on Count 1 and 1 year on Count 4 to run concurrent to Count 1.

### MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.  
☒ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse. *(check if applicable)*
4. ☒ You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution. *(check if applicable)*
5. ☒ You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(check if applicable)*
6. ☐ You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. *(check if applicable)*
7. ☐ You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(check if applicable)*

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any other conditions on the attached page.

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### STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of your supervised release, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

1. You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of your release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
5. You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
7. You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have full-time employment you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus or tasers).
11. You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
12. If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.
13. You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

### U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see *Overview of Probation and Supervised Release Conditions*, available at: [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov).

Defendant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION**

**It is recommended that the Defendant is to be supervised by the district of residence.**

**The Defendant will provide the Probation Officer with access to any and all requested financial information.**

**The Defendant will not incur any new credit charges or open additional lines of credit without the approval of the Probation Officer unless the Defendant is in compliance with the installment payment schedule.**

**The Defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of mailing or residence address that occurs while any portion of the restitution remains unpaid.**

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The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Restitution</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>AVAA Assessment*</u>	<u>JVTA Assessment**</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,057,245.32	\$	\$	\$

☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until \_\_\_\_\_. An Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C) will be entered after such determination.

☐ The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total Loss***</u>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>	<u>Priority or Percentage</u>
c/o Clerk of the Court Order filed under seal		1,057,245.32	

**TOTALS**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_      \$ 1,057,245.32

☐ Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

☐ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:

☐ the interest requirement is waived for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution.

☐ the interest requirement for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution is modified as follows:

\* Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-299.

\*\* Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.

\*\*\* Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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### SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A ☒ Lump sum payment of \$ 200.00 due immediately, balance due
- ☐ not later than \_\_\_\_\_, or  
☐ in accordance with ☐ C, ☐ D, ☐ E, or ☐ F below; or
- B ☐ Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with ☐ C, ☐ D, or ☐ F below); or
- C ☐ Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D ☐ Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E ☐ Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F ☐ Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during the period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

☒ Joint and Several

Case Number Defendant and Co-Defendant Names (including defendant number)	Total Amount	Joint and Several Amount	Corresponding Payee, if appropriate
19cr195 Karen Polonia Alcantara	\$1,057,245.32	\$1,057,245.32	
19cr195 Jofre Santana a/k/a Maximiliano Torres Torres			

☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.

☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):

☒ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:  
See Order of Forfeiture attached.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) AVAA assessment, (5) fine principal, (6) fine interest, (7) community restitution, (8) JVTa assessment, (9) penalties, and (10) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CONSENT PRELIMINARY ORDER
	:	OF FORFEITURE/
- v. -	:	<u>MONEY JUDGMENT</u>
JOHN ESTRELLA,	:	
	:	19 Cr. 195 (KMK)
Defendant.	:	
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WHEREAS, on or about March 27, 2019, JOHN ESTRELLA (the “Defendant”), among others, was charged in three counts of a five-count Indictment, 19 Cr. 195 (KMK) (the “Indictment”), with conspiracy to commit wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349 (Count One); wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 2 (Count Two); aggravated identity theft, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028A and 2 (Count Four);

WHEREAS, the Indictment included a forfeiture allegation as to Counts One and Two of the Indictment, seeking forfeiture to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), of any and all property, real and personal, that constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, on or about September 14, 2021 the Defendant pled guilty to Counts One and Four of the Indictment, pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government, wherein the Defendant admitted the forfeiture allegation with respect to Count One of the Indictment and agreed to forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section



981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28 United States Code, Section 2461(c), a sum of money equal to \$247,000 in United States currency, representing proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, the Defendant consents to the entry of a money judgment in the amount of \$247,000 in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained, for which the Defendant is jointly and severally liable with co-defendants Karen Polonia Alcantara and Jofre Santana (the "Co-defendants") to the extent forfeiture money judgments are entered against the Co-defendants in this case; and

WHEREAS, the Defendant admits that, as a result of acts and/or omissions of the Defendant, the proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the United States of America, by its attorney Damian Williams, United States Attorney, Assistant United States Attorney, Christopher Brumwell of counsel, and the Defendant, JOHN ESTRELLA, and his counsel, John Wallenstein, Esq., that:

1. As a result of the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment, to which the Defendant pled guilty, a money judgment in the amount of \$247,000 in United States currency (the "Money Judgment"), representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained, for which the Defendant is jointly and severally liable with the Co-defendants, to the extent forfeiture money judgments are entered against the Co-defendants in this case, shall be entered against the Defendant.

2. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment is final as to the Defendant JOHN ESTRELLA, and shall be deemed part of the sentence of the Defendant, and shall be included in the judgment of conviction therewith.

3. All payments on the outstanding Money Judgment shall be made by postal money order, bank or certified check, made payable, in this instance, to the United States Department of Treasury and delivered by mail to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, Attn: Money Laundering and Transnational Criminal Enterprises Unit, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, New York 10007 and shall indicate the Defendant's name and case number.

4. Upon entry of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment, and pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, the United States Department of Treasury, or its designee, shall be authorized to deposit the payment on the Money Judgment in the Treasury Assets Forfeiture Fund, and the United States shall have clear title to such forfeited property.

5. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), the United States is authorized to seek forfeiture of substitute assets of the Defendant up to the uncollected amount of the Money Judgment.

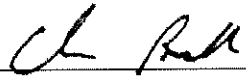
6. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States Attorney's Office is authorized to conduct any discovery needed to identify, locate or dispose of forfeitable property, including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents and the issuance of subpoenas.

7. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

8. The signature page of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

DAMIAN WILLIAMS  
United States Attorney for the  
Southern District of New York

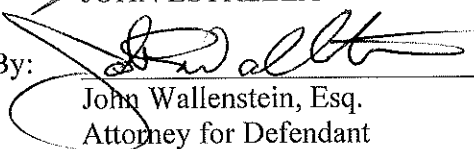
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3/15/2022  
DATE

JOHN ESTRELLA

By:   
JOHN ESTRELLA

3/23/22  
DATE

By:   
John Wallenstein, Esq.  
Attorney for Defendant  
1100 Franklin Avenue, Suite 305  
Garden City, NY 11530

3/23/22  
DATE

SO ORDERED:

  
HONORABLE KENNETH M. KARAS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

3/23/22  
DATE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**ORDER OF RESTITUTION**

v.

JOHN ESTRELLA,

Defendant.

19 Cr. 195 (KMK)

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Upon the application of the United States of America, by its attorney, Damian Williams, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Christopher D. Brumwell, Assistant United States Attorney, of counsel; the presentence report; the Defendant's conviction on Count One of the above Indictment; and all other proceedings in this case, it is hereby ORDERED that:

**1. Amount of Restitution**

JOHN ESTRELLA, the Defendant, shall pay restitution in the total amount of \$1,057,245.32, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3663A, to the victims of the offense charged in Count One. The names, addresses, and specific amounts owed to each victim are set forth in the Schedule of Victims, attached hereto as Schedule A. Upon advice by the United States Attorney's Office of a change of address of a victim, the Clerk of the Court is authorized to send payments to the new address without further order of this Court.

**A. Joint and Several Liability**

Restitution in this Order is joint and several with the defendants in *United States v. Alcantara, et al.*, 19 Cr. 195 (KMK), and any related case, up to and including the amounts specified in the respective restitution orders that will be issued as to those defendants.

**B. Apportionment Among Victims**

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid. Restitution shall be paid to the victims identified in the Schedule of Victims, attached hereto as Schedule A, on a pro rata basis, whereby each payment shall be distributed proportionally to each victim based upon the amount of loss for each victim, as set forth more fully in Schedule A.

**2. Schedule of Payments**

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(f)(2), in consideration of the financial resources and other assets of the Defendant, including whether any of these assets are jointly controlled; projected earnings and other income of the Defendant; and any financial obligations of the Defendant; including obligations to dependents, the Defendant shall pay restitution in the manner and according to the schedule that follows:

In the interest of justice, restitution shall be payable in installments pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3572(d)(1) and (2). While serving the term of imprisonment, the Defendant shall make installment payments toward his restitution obligation, and may do so through the Bureau of Prisons' (BOP) Inmate Financial Responsibility Plan (IFRP). Any unpaid amount remaining upon release from prison will be paid in installments in an amount equal to ten percent of the Defendant's gross income on the 5th of each month.

If the Defendant defaults on the payment schedule set forth above, the Government may pursue other remedies to enforce the judgment.

**3. Payment Instructions**

The Defendant shall make restitution payments by certified check, bank check, money order, wire transfer, credit card or cash. Checks and money orders shall be made payable to the "SDNY Clerk of the Court" and mailed or hand-delivered to: United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl

Street, New York, New York 10007 - Attention: Cashier, as required by 18 U.S.C. § 3611. The Defendant shall write his name and the docket number of this case on each check or money order. Credit card payments must be made in person at the Clerk's Office. Any cash payments shall be hand delivered to the Clerk's Office using exact change, and shall not be mailed. For payments by wire, the Defendant shall contact the Clerk's Office for wiring instructions.

**4. Additional Provisions**

The Defendant shall notify, within 30 days, the Clerk of Court, the United States Probation Office (during any period of probation or supervised release), and the United States Attorney's Office, 86 Chambers Street, 3rd Floor, New York, New York 10007 (Attn: Financial Litigation Unit) of (1) any change of the Defendant's name, residence, or mailing address or (2) any material change in the Defendant's financial resources that affects the Defendant's ability to pay restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3664(k). If the Defendant discloses, or the Government otherwise learns of, additional assets not known to the Government at the time of the execution of this order, the Government may seek a Court order modifying the payment schedule consistent with the discovery of new or additional assets.

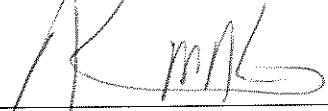
**5. Restitution Liability**

The Defendant's liability to pay restitution shall terminate on the date that is the later of 20 years from the entry of judgment or 20 years after the Defendant's release from imprisonment, as provided in 18 U.S.C. § 3613(b). Subject to the time limitations in the preceding sentence, in the event of the death of the Defendant, the Defendant's estate will be held responsible for any unpaid balance of the restitution amount, and any lien filed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3613(c) shall continue until the estate receives a written release of that liability.

6. Sealing

Consistent with 18 U.S.C. §§3771(a)(8) & 3664(d)(4) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 49.1, to protect the privacy interests of victims, the Schedule of Victims, attached hereto as Schedule A, shall be filed under seal, except that copies may be retained and used or disclosed by the Government, the Clerk's Office, and the Probation Department, as need be to effect and enforce this Order, without further order of this Court.

SO ORDERED:

  
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THE HONORABLE KENNETH M. KARAS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

3/23/22  
DATE